



SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE

## Help Young People Find a Path to a Better Life

If you'd like to work in the fields of education, law enforcement, probation, social work, or other areas with juveniles, consider a Master of Science in Juvenile Justice. The courses are designed to develop your skills in applying practical and effective strategies and solutions for problems facing troubled or challenged juveniles. You'll learn to integrate theory with practice and develop plans to address the complex issues and challenges of the juvenile justice system. You'll learn to conduct in-depth research, write behavior plans, and develop a beneficial network of cooperating agencies. Working closely with juveniles, you'll also learn to conduct interviews and provide guidance to youth with disabilities who have a delinquent and neglectful background.

### Program highlights:

- Learn techniques and methods to address youth behavioral problems
- Network with professionals from interacting and coordinating agencies
- Use critical thinking skills when designing interventions, functional behavioral assessments, and behavior management plans
- Develop workable strategies for working with emotional and behavior problems
- Design interventions and best practices for juveniles in the justice system
- Develop professional written, verbal communication, and presentation skills

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The Master of Science in Juvenile Justice is designed to prepare candidates who want to work in education, law enforcement, probation, social work, etc. with the skills necessary to develop specific strategies and solutions that are practical and effective when working with juveniles with disabilities. Candidates will integrate theory with practice to address the complex issues and challenges of the juvenile justice system to conduct in-depth research, write behavior plans, develop a network with cooperating agencies, and conduct interviews to better prepare themselves as professionals guiding youth with disabilities who have a delinquent and neglectful background.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Develop professional-level written, verbal communication, and presentation skills.
- Assess critical thinking skills when designing interventions, functional behavioral assessments, and behavior management plans to mitigate youth behavioral problems.
- Create a reference guide of professionals from interacting and coordinating agencies to network with.
- Analyze the Individuals with Disabilities and Education Act, federal, and state law requirements in non-public and residential placements.
- Design interventions and best practices for students in the juvenile justice system that are culturally relevant.
- Design strategies for working with individuals with emotional/behavior problems.

### Degree Requirements

To receive a Master of Science in Juvenile Justice, students must complete at least 46.5 quarter units of graduate work. Students may transfer in up to 6 quarter units of graduate credit that may be granted for equivalent graduate work completed at another institution, as it applies to this degree and if the units were not used in earning another advanced degree. Course equivalence cannot be granted for life experience.

### Core Requirements

(11 courses; 46.5 quarter units)

JJS 601      Field Experience & Orientation (1.5 quarter units)  
CJA 665      Violence and Victimization

#### OR

HUB 642      Theories of Behavior Change  
EXC 639      Childhood and Adolescence  
CJA 660      Drugs, Alcohol & Public Policy  
JJS 602      Creating Alliances in Alt. Ed.  
                  *Prerequisite: JJS 601*  
JJS 603      Role of Profess in Alt. Ed.  
                  *Prerequisite: JJS 601*  
JJS 604      Mgmt. of Behaviors  
                  *Prerequisite: JJS 601*  
JJS 605      Prof Ethics in Juv. Justice Sys.  
                  *Prerequisite: JJS 601*

#### OR

CJA 622      Professional Ethics in CJ  
JJS 606      Delinquency & Gang Impact  
                  *Prerequisite: JJS 601*  
JJS 625      Advanced Research Methods  
JJS 690      Capstone Project  
                  *Recommended: Prior completion of: All 7 other core JJS classes.*